

Tim Miller
620 Indiana
Lawrence, Kansas 66044
785/842-6666
tkansas@ukans.edu

RECEIVED

APR 23 1998

April 15, 1998

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

FCC

Greetings:

In an age of media centralization **low-power radio** has emerged as a vital, if microscopic, way to keep the nearly-lost art of public discourse alive. The fact that hundreds of broadcasters are willing to defy the law to claim a sliver of the public airwaves is a heartening testimony to the enduring spirit of democracy.

There's nothing wrong with licensing and rationalizing the use of the airwaves, but it is certainly wrong to make this wonderful public resource available only to those with massive financial backing. Anyone with a few dollars to spend on photocopies can publish a printed periodical; why should it be enormously harder to spread sound to one's community?

I urge you to enact a procedure under which community nonprofit, low-power stations can be freed to serve their unique niches with the American listening public. We'll all be the better off for it.

Sincerely, .



Tim Miller